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COUNTRY CHINA/WEST GERMANY

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SUBJECT CHINESE COMMUNIST PLANS TO ENCOURAGE TOURIST TRAVEL TO CHINA

ACQ GERMANY, HAMBURG (30 JULY 1969)

FIELD NO. EGG-1440

SOURCE A WHITE-COLLAR WORKER WHO IS WELL CONNECTED WITH VARIOUS CHINA INTEREST GROUPS IN HAMBURG AND IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH GRUETZMACHER, FROM WHOM HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION VERBALLY. SOURCE HAS NO EXTENSIVE REPORTING RECORD BUT WE HAVE FOUND NOTHING THAT WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON HIS VERACITY.

1. GERHARD GRUETZMACHER, FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST GERMAN "GERMAN CHINA SOCIETY" (DEUTSCHE-CHINA GESELLSCHAFT - DCG), WAS INFORMED IN JUNE DURING TALKS WITH CHINESE COMMUNIST OFFICIALS IN EAST BERLIN THAT PEKING WILL SOON BEGIN RELAXING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO CHINA. ONE CHINESE OFFICIAL, DESCRIBED BY GRUETZMACHER AS THE AMBASSADOR, ADMITTED THAT THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION CAUSED CHINA TO NEGLECT ITS TOURIST TRADE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THERE IS NO CHINESE AMBASSADOR PRESENTLY POSTED IN EAST BERLIN; THE EMBASSY IS UNDER CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LIU P'U.) THE

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OFFICIAL SAID THIS SITUATION IS NOW BEING CORRECTED BUT NOTED THAT SUCH CHANGES CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE GRADUALLY. AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING TOURISM, A PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED IN 1970 INSURING THAT VISITORS TO CHINA AND ITS REGIONS WILL RECEIVE A FAVORABLE RECEPTION.

2. DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS, THE CHINESE OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO GRUETZMACHER THAT PEKING WOULD EXTEND AN INVITATION TO A DCG DELEGATION TO VISIT CHINA IN 1970.

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